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SUBJECT: UNIDO - REPORT OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON STRATEGY -  
GROUP B DISCUSSION

REF: A. VIENNA 2463 B. VIENNA 2504

SUMMARY: THIS IF FIRST IN SERIES OF THREE TELEGRAMS  
REPORTING ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT MARCH 29 GROUP B  
MEETING. (FRANCE IN CHAIR) END SUMMARY.

1. GROUP WAS INFORMED OF FIRST INTER- GROUP DISCUSSION  
OF EXPERTS REPORT ( REFTEL B). UK, WHICH HAD DAY  
BEFORE PRODUCED IN AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL " TALKING PAPER"  
REFERRED TO IN LAST PARA REFTEL B ( SOVIETS HAD NOT  
YET GIVEN THEIR REACTION THERETO), BRIEFED GROUP ON  
POINTS COVERED THEREIN. PAPER ITSELF NOT YET AVAILABLE  
FOR DISTRIBUTION. WITH RESPECT TO ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT  
OF THE QUESTION; I. E. LOOKING BEYOND IDB- VII, TALKING  
PAPER STATES THAT SOME FURTHER ACTION AFTER THE BOARD  
MEETINGS WILL BE REQUIRED WHICH MIGHT TAKE THE FORM OF  
FURTHER STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF A LONG TERM STRATEGY  
AT PC- III WITH INFORMAL INTER- GROUP CONSULTATIONS

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PROCEEDING MEANWHILE, OR OF AN INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP OPEN TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ACTION AT IDB- VII FRG ARGUED THAT IN TOTO EXPERTS REPORT WAS " NOT ALL THAT OBJECTIONABLE" AND THAT WHILE FRG WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON SOME POINTS, MOST APPROPRIATE FORMULA WHICH HAD REALISTIC CHANCE OF ADOPTION WAS TO " INVITE THE EX DIRECTOR TO BE GUIDED BY IT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE POINTS MADE IN THE DISCUSSION". IN FRG VIEW THIS WOULD GIVE THE REPORT " A FIRST CLASS FUNERAL." FRG VIEW EVOKED SOME SYMPATHY FROM OTHER DELS. WHILE THESE ( E. G. BELGIUM, UK) PREFERRED MORE NEUTRAL WORDING, SUCH AS " TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT", THEY ALSO RECOGNIZED IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT SELL SUCH FORMULATION TO GROUP OF 77 AND THAT FRG FORMULA MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE FALBACK. WE INDICATED WE STRONGLY PREFERRED ADOPTION OF NEUTRAL LANGUAGE ( E. G. " ACCEPTS THE REPORT") BUT ALSO RECOGNIZED MIGHT NOT BE SALEABLE AND THAT SOME COMPROMISE WORDING SUCH AS THAT SUGGESTED BY FRG MIGHT HAVE TO BE SOUGHT. IN ANY CASE, MEANINGFUL DECISIONS TO GIVE OPERATIONAL EFFECT TO ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE EXPERT'S RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MADE ONLY WHEN FORMULATING IN THE IDB THE OBJECTIVES UNIDO WAS EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE OVER THE MEDIUM TERM ( THE FIRST STEP IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING BIENNIAL PROGRAM/ BUDGET) AND WHEN APPROVING UNIDO'S BIENNIAL PROGRAM/ BUDGETS THEMSELVES. ALTHOUGH NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED NEED FOR POINT- BY- POINT EXAMINATION OF EXPERTS REPORT, THIS PROCEDURE OPPOSED BY VARIOUS SPEAKERS.

3. DURING DISCUSSION UK INDICATED IT THINKING ABOUT PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT SMALL STANDING ADVISORY PANELS TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF UNIDO PROGRAM, E. G. INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, STUDY AND RESEARCH PROGRAM, ETC. SWEDEN SUGGESTED THAT IDB- VII MIGHT ASK THE EX DIRECTOR FOR HIS COMMENTS ON THE EXPERTS REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO IDB- VIII.

4. GROUP WILL NO DOUBT RETURN TO SUBJECT OF EXPERTS REPORT AFTER NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING.

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5. OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES BOTH IN GROUP B AND INTER- GROUP DISCUSSIONS  
WILL CONTINUE TO BE ( A) TO STRIVE FOR AS NEUTRAL  
AS POSSIBLE A FORMULATION OF ANY IDB DECISION  
OR RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF ACTION ON THE EXPERTS  
REPORT ( B) TO KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER  
STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ELABORATING A UNIDO STRATEGY  
WHILE AVOIDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY FORMAL INTER-  
SESSIONAL MACHINERY FOR THIS PURPOSE. STIBRAVY

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